

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
EASTERN (WATERLOO) DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	No. 17-CR-2023-LRR
)	No. 17-CR-2086-LRR
vs.)	
)	
TROY POSTEL-VARGASON)	
)	
Defendant.)	

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. As a result of the guilty plea entered by defendant on November 27, 2017, to Counts 1-3 of the Indictment in (17-CR-2023-LRR) and in Count 1 of the Information in (17-CR-2086-LRR), for which the Government sought forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), defendant shall forfeit to the United States:

all property involved in or used in any knowing violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1), and used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or facilitate the commission of the offense.

2. The Court has determined, based on the guilty plea entered by defendant on November 27, 2017, that the following firearms are subject to forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), that the defendant had an interest in such property, and that the government has established the requisite nexus between such property and such offense:

- a. a Hi-Point Beemiller C9 model 9mm caliber pistol (with loaded magazine) with an obliterated serial number, found lying by defendant on or about February 9, 2017, in Independence, Iowa;
- b. a Ruger LCP model .380 caliber pistol (with loaded magazine) bearing serial number 372-10776, seized from defendant's residence on or about February 9, 2017, in Independence, Iowa;
- c. a Rossi S41 model .410 caliber single-shot shotgun bearing serial number SP572343 (found in multiple pieces) on February 10, 2017, seized from a farm filed in close proximity to where defendant was found on February 9, 2017, in Independence, Iowa; and
- d. a Ruger Model SR96, with an obliterated serial number recovered from the Wapsipinicon River in the Southern District of Iowa on August 16, 2017, which police observed defendant throw into the river.

3. Upon entry of this Order, the United States (or its designee) is authorized to seize the firearms identified above, including any ammunition, whether held by the defendant or by a third party and to conduct any discovery proper in identifying, locating or disposing of the property subject to forfeiture, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3).

4. Upon entry of this Order, the United States is authorized to commence any applicable proceeding to comply with statutes governing third party rights, including giving notice of this Order.

5. The United States shall publish notice of the order and of its intent to dispose of the property pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Rules of Criminal

Procedure in accordance with Supplemental Rule G(4)(a)(iii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, send notice to any person known to have an alleged interest in the subject property pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(6) and in accordance with Supplemental Rule G(4)(b)(iii-iv) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. Any person, other than the defendant, asserting a legal interest in the subject property may, within sixty (60) days from the first date of internet publication on www.forfeiture.gov, petition the court for a hearing without a jury to adjudicate the validity of his alleged interest in the subject property, and for an amendment of the order of forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n). The petition shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the forfeited property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

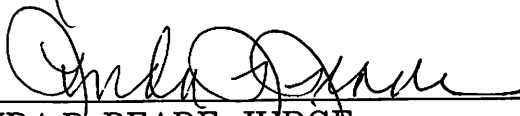
7. After the disposition of any motion filed under Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(c)(1)(A), and before a hearing on the petition, discovery may be conducted in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon a showing that such discovery is necessary or desirable to resolve factual issues. When discovery ends, a party may move for summary judgment under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56 pursuant to Fed.R.Crim.P. 32.2(c)(1)(B).

8. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(4)(A), this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture shall become final as to the defendant at the time of sentencing and shall be made part of the sentence and included in the judgment.

9. The United States shall have clear title to the subject property following the Court's disposition of all third-party interests, or if none, following the expiration of the period provided in 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(2) for the filing of third party petitions.

10. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

DATED this 15th day of March, 2018.



LINDA R. READE, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA